UGH...
ARGH...
YOU DAMNED... TIN CAN...!

WOOSH
ERGH!
DON'T BE STUPID, SOPHIE!
GRAB
HAND HIM OVER! HE'S USELESS TO YOU ANYWAY!
THUD
IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER HE'S USEFUL OR NOT.
IF YOU GIVE HIM TO US, I'LL GIVE YOU INFORMATION ON MARIE.
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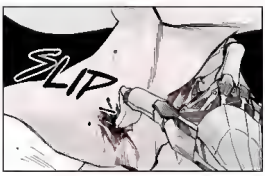
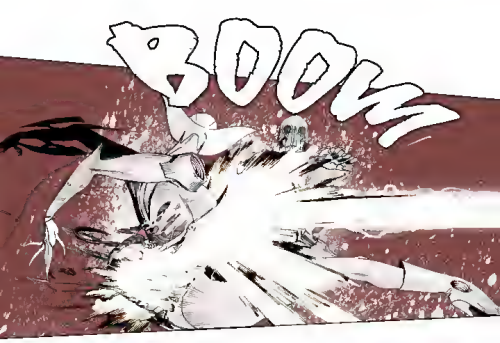
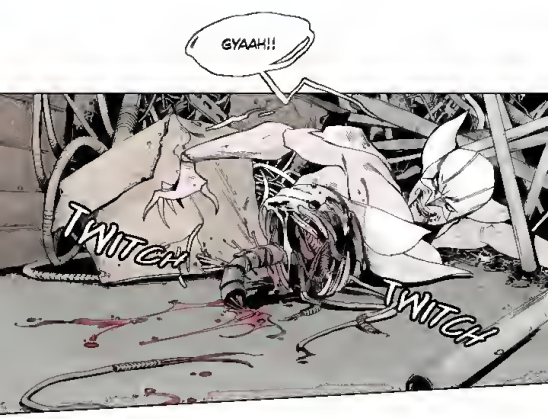
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW...WHERE YOUR DAUGHTER IS?


SLIP

HEH...
HUM...

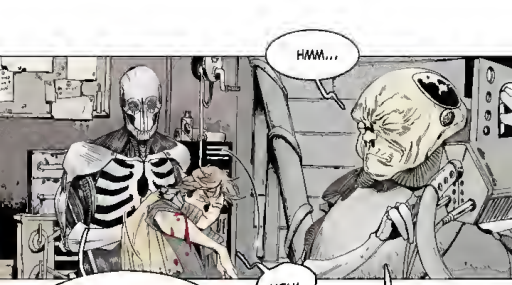

BOOM

JUST A BUNCH OF KIDS FIGHTING. I WAS WONDERING WHY IT WAS SO NOISY.
HISS
I'M SO SENSITIVE WHEN I SLEEP NOWADAYS...
THAT TOY WON'T EVEN LEAVE A DENT.
AARON, DON'T GIVE THE KID SOMETHING YOU MADE IN YOUR SPARE TIME. IF YOU WANT HIM TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF, GIVE HIM SOMETHING USEFUL.


GYAAH!!
TWITCH
TWITCH

WAS SHE PAID BY THE DEALERS...
I DON'T THINK SO. THEY WERE FOLLOWING SOPHIE'S LEAD, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY HAD ANYTHING PLANNED...
TWITCH
THEY WERE PROBABLY PLANNING TO TAKE HIS SKIN AND HAIR, AND SELL OFF THE REST.

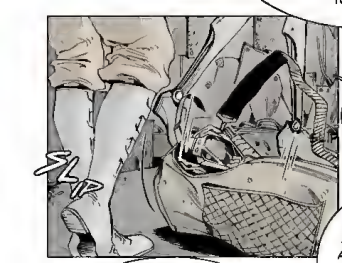
COUGH
TWITCH
COUGH
TWITCH



UGH!

I KNEW SOMEONE WOULD BE COMING FOR YURA SOON, BUT THIS WAS TOO QUICK...AND TO THINK IT WOULD BE SOPHIE...

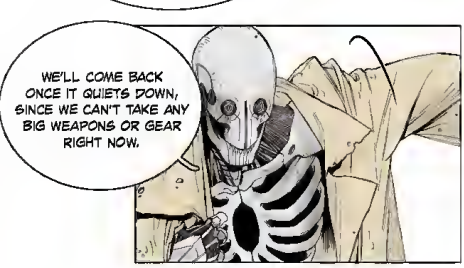
WHY ELSE WOULD SHE HAVE LOITERED AROUND HERE FOR SO LONG? SHE WAS AFTER HIM, AND WAS LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TAKE IT.



GET GOING.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE STORE... AND YOU'LL FIND ANY TOOLS YOU NEED LITTERED AROUND THE CITY.

AND YURA, YOU CAN'T MOVE AROUND LIKE THAT. MAKE SURE YOU COVER YOURSELF UP.



WE'LL COME BACK ONCE IT QUIETS DOWN, SINCE WE CAN'T TAKE ANY BIG WEAPONS OR GEAR RIGHT NOW.

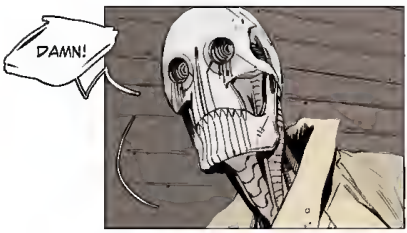
THAT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE, SEEING AS EVEN THE LOCALS ARE AFTER HIM NOW.

THE ATTACKS USED TO ONLY OCCUR IN THE DESERTS OUTSIDE THE CITY, BUT NOW THAT IT'S HAPPENING INSIDE THE CITY, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IT GETS WORSE.

MAKE SURE YOU KEEP HIM HIDDEN. NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE COMPLAINS, NOW THEY'LL BE COMING IN GROUPS TO RIP HIM APART.

EVEN IF I WANT TO DO THAT, HE'S SO FAST, IF I DON'T HAVE AN EYE ON HIM HE...

YURA?



STOMP

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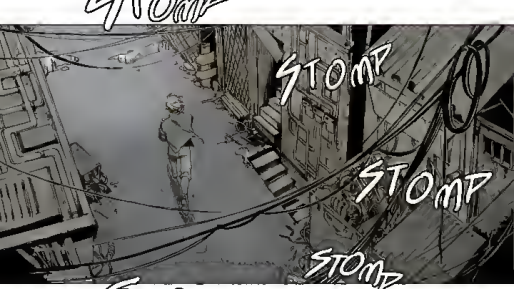


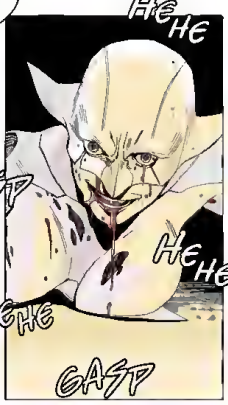
STOMP

TWIST
!
OW!
CRASH
HEHE...
SLIDE
SLIDE
HEHE...
HEHE
SLIDE
COUGH
SLIDE
HEHEHE...
DOES IT HURT?
COUGH
COUGH

...I BET IT'S THROBBING...

AS IF YOUR HEART'S RIGHT THERE.

HOW...DO YOU KNOW THAT?



COUGH

WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING A LOT, YOU START TRYING TO FIND OUT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN ABOUT IT...

UGH...

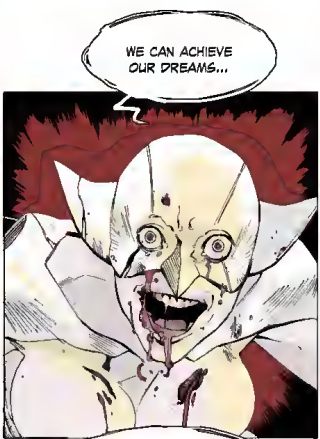
SO YOU CAN PRETEND TO BE ONE OF THEM...

COUGH

PANT
PANT
PANT

....
SLIDE

MAYBE I WAS MEANT TO BE CUT IN HALF.
WHAT YOU WANT... WHAT I WANT...
SLIDE
SLIDE


WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR DREAMS...

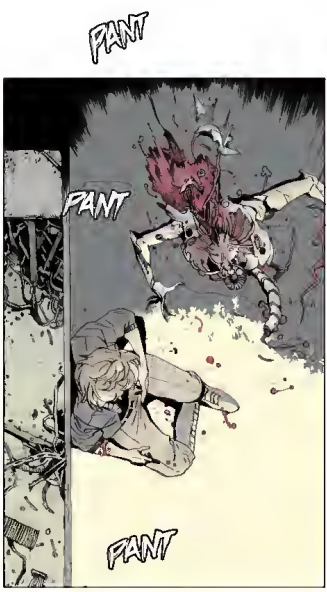
IF WE JUST COMBINE OURSELVES!!

SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
YOUR ARM...
AT LEAST GIVE ME
YOUR USELESS ARM!
AND YOUR SKIN...
I WANT YOUR SOFT SKIN!!
WOOSH

GRAB
UWAAHHH!!

KABOOM

WHIRL


PANT
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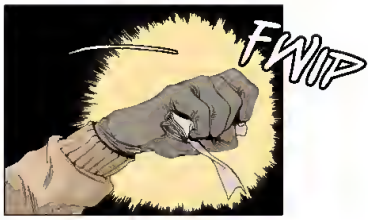
WHO'S THERE?!
PANT
PANT

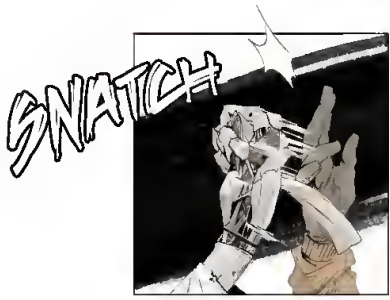
WHEW...
I GOT CHILLS.

THERE'S PLENTY OF ARTIFICIAL SKIN IF YOU WANT, BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW FREAKS THAT WANT THE REAL DEAL.
WHAT...?
WOBBLE
WOAH!
STUMBLE
ARTIFICIAL SKIN MIGHT NOT BE WARM LIKE REAL SKIN, BUT NOWADAYS, THEY CAN MAKE IT AROUND 80% THE SAME.
IF YOU DON'T GET THIS TREATED QUICKLY, IT'S GOING TO LEAVE A SCAR.
GRAB

OR YOU COULD DIE FROM BLOOD LOSS BEFORE THAT...
SLIP
ERK!!
YOU DAMNED RAT, ARE YOU AFTER YURA TOO?!
WOAH, WAIT! WAIT!


FWIP

I'M JUST A PASSERBY THAT WANTED TO HELP.
ARE YOU HIS FRIEND? OR MAYBE HIS DAD?


SNATCH

WELL... I'M NOT HERE TO HURT HIM. I HOPE YOU DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME.
FWIP
YOUR DAD REALLY CARES ABOUT YOU, HUH? YOU MUST HAVE A WEAK BODY.

SHOULDN'T YOU GET AN UPGRADE OR AT LEAST A CHECKUP?

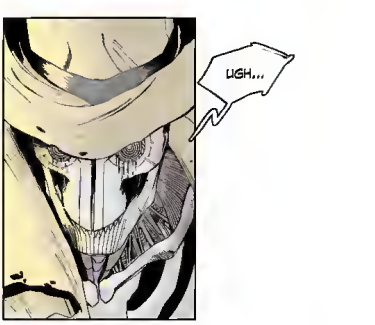
WHY ARE YOU LYING ABOUT BEING A PASSERBY?

WE'RE NOT GIVING YOU ANYTHING. WHY DON'T WE JUST GO ON OUR SEPARATE PATHS? OR I CAN BREAK YOU BEYOND REPAIR.

...I JUST WANTED TO HELP.

BUT...
I THINK HE MIGHT NEED A TRANSFUSION. THAT COLOR'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TO MACHINE BLOOD..

YOU BASTARD! SO YOU WERE WITH SOPHIE TOO?!
WOAH, WOAH! I REALLY DON'T WANT ANYTHING.
AND IF YOU KILL ME, YOU'LL BE IN A TOUGH SPOT TOO. MACHIA MIGHT SEND A DRONE OR POLICE.
...MACHIA?!



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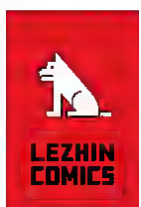

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